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Satellite Committee

Services Division

Meeting of 6 March 1957

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] discussed information on the conversion of East German television receivers and transmitters to western standards of transmission. He stated that this change would allow East Germany to produce the same receiver for export and domestic use. The conversion of East German transmitters also would facilitate the transmission of eastern propaganda to West Germany.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] of S/TF reported on the findings of his forthcoming CSM on the subject of relief loans and aid to Hungary since the October revolution. Through February the Bloc countries had offered Hungary relief shipments totaling over 200 million, and composed of convertible currencies of about 95 million, and commodity aid of about 110 million. Aid from the West amounted to about 30 million.

On 13 March the Committee will hold a seminar on the present status of economic coordination among the Satellites and the USSR, and the prospects for current economic stability and cohesion of the Soviet Bloc system.

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